

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus, claims 1-15 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is included in this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter:

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 1-15 are allowed. Claims 16 and 17 are objected to due to formal matters.

The Objections:

At page 2 of the Office Action, claims 16 and 17 are objected to as being improper dependent claims. Claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus the objection to claims 16 and 17 is moot and the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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